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## BANK DEPOSITS GAIN FOURTEEN MILLION IN YEAR

Prosperity Shown by Remarkable  
Increase of \$13,922,071 Over  
the Same Time Last  
Year.

SIXTY-FIVE MILLION DEPOSITS  
Increase in Loans Also Shows a  
Much Greater Business Activ-  
ity Here.

LARGER GAINS ARE EXPECTED

Territory tributary to Omaha's  
banks is so prosperous, according to  
returns just made to the com-  
ptroller's November call, that deposits  
in local banks are \$13,922,071  
greater than a year ago and \$1,155,-  
344 greater than two months ago.  
Deposits totalled \$65,672,767 on No-  
vember 10, the date of the bank call.  
The tremendous gains in Omaha  
bank deposits, the bankers say, is a  
barometer of the prosperity prevail-  
ing throughout the city, state and  
adjacent country, which uses the  
Cata city as a banking point.

The increase in deposits over the last  
year, September 2, is accounted for by  
bankers in the partial marketing of grain  
within the last two months and the re-  
sulting deposit of the money the crop  
brought. Still greater gains in deposits  
are forecast, when Nebraska's bumper  
wheat crop is all liquidated.

Business has also recovered from the  
war shock of a year ago, the bankers say,  
and they point to the great deposit gains  
since October 31, 1914, as proof of the asser-  
tion.

**Huge Increase in Loans.**  
Loans also show great gains in the bank  
call figures. Since a year ago loans by  
Greater Omaha banks have jumped up  
\$7,583,467, to the present total of \$46,709,775.  
This is also a gain of \$2,944,861 over two  
months ago.

One explanation of the increased loans  
is that city banks are loaning much  
money to country banks, which in turn  
loan it out for stock feeding purposes.

The greatest surprise shown among  
the bankers by the present bank call is the  
remarkable gain in both deposits and  
loans made by the United States Na-  
tional bank, which now ranks second in  
deposits and first in loans. Its deposit  
gain since two months is approximately  
\$1,500,000. Chairman Milton T. Barlow of  
the United States National, says his  
bank's great gain was due largely to in-  
creased business resulting from the  
bank's handsome new building.

**Gains by Consolidated Banks.**  
The State Bank of Omaha shows a  
tremendous gain, because of its recent  
consolidation with the City National  
bank, by which the state institution got  
most of the City National's deposits, and  
also by numerous new deposits.  
Cashier T. L. Davis of the First Na-  
tional bank accounts for his bank's tem-  
(Continued on Page Five, Column Two.)

## Report Anton Lang Killed is Denied

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 16.—Anton  
Lang, who in 1910 played the character  
of Christ in the Passion play at Oberam-  
mergau, Bavaria, and who was reported  
as having been killed in a battle  
is alive and well and at home with his  
family, according to a cablegram received  
today by Rev. W. A. Pratt of this city.  
According to the cablegram Lang has  
as at no time been at the battle front.

## EASTERN BOYS' MUSCLES SOFTER THAN THOSE OF WEST

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 16.—(Special.)  
—That the muscular development of the  
average western boy is greater than that  
of the average eastern boy, is a state-  
ment which was made today by Lieu-  
tenant E. Z. Steever, Eleventh United  
States Infantry, originator of the mod-  
ified Swiss system for the training of  
American high school cadets. He re-  
turned last night from a several weeks  
eastern tour, during which he supervised  
the installation of his system in the  
schools of Massachusetts and Mary-  
land.  
"I was struck," said Lieutenant  
Steever, "by the manifest muscular in-  
feriority of the average eastern boy in  
comparison with that of the average  
western boy."

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity  
—Showers and cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	
Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	33
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	32
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	32
1 p. m.	32
2 p. m.	32
3 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	32
7 p. m.	32

Comparative Local Record.	
1915	1914
Highest yesterday	49
Lowest yesterday	21
Mean temperature	32
Precipitation	0.00
Temperature and precipitation de- partures from the normal:	
Normal temperature	32
Excess for the day	0
Total deficiency since March 1	215
Normal precipitation	54
Deficiency for the day	0
Total rainfall since March 1	1.36
Deficiency since March 1	52.64
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	7.69

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.—  
Station and State Temp. H. g. rel. hum-  
idity of weather. W. p. m. est. fall.

Cheyenne, snow	34	47	74
Denver, cloud	33	46	69
Denver, part cloudy	34	51	69
Des Moines, cloudy	35	58	70
North Platte, cloudy	34	48	69
Omaha, cloudy	32	47	69
Sioux City, cloudy	34	46	69
Valentine, cloudy	34	46	69

L. A. WELSH Local Forecaster.

## GREEK AND FRENCH SOLDIERS IN CLASH

Galic Troops Attempt to Occupy  
Building and Are Prevented,  
Says Berlin Report.

APOLOGY FOR ACTION IS MADE

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—(By Wireless  
to Tuckerton.)—"According to a dis-  
patch from Saloniki received through  
Vienna," says the Overseas News  
agency, "French troops at the Greek  
port attempted to occupy a Greek  
military building. Their attempt,  
however, was frustrated by Greek  
troops. The French military authori-  
ties afterwards apologized for the  
incident, declaring a mistake had  
been made."

## Wilson Will Consult House Leaders Upon Raising Defense Fund

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—At today's  
cabinet meeting each department head  
submitted his views on what important  
matters should be urged upon congress  
at the coming session and there was a  
general discussion of what the presi-  
dent's message should contain. The  
president will begin immediately to write  
the message, doing the work himself  
in his typewriter. Because revenue-rais-  
ing legislation must originate in the house,  
the president will confer further with  
house leaders before finally deciding on  
his recommendations as to how the ad-  
ditional revenue needed for the defense  
plans should be raised.

The annual reports of cabinet mem-  
bers will not be made public until after  
the president delivers his message to  
congress. Mr. Wilson will take into  
consideration, however, the recommenda-  
tion of his official advisers.

Attorney General Gregory after the  
cabinet meeting revealed that he is con-  
sidering recommending amendments to  
the Sherman anti-trust law so that the  
federal government can better proceed  
in alleged plots to blow up munitions  
plants and vessels. He said at present  
it was difficult to find laws covering the  
cases already investigated, but that the  
various states had laws which covered  
most of the alleged plots and the De-  
partment of Justice was anxious to co-  
operate with state officials.

Secretary Garrison informed the presi-  
dent that he thought it advisable to  
make public the recommendations of the  
general staff of the army on strengthen-  
ing the military branch of the govern-  
ment. It was decided that the army  
general staff's report would be made  
public, but not until Secretary Garrison's  
report is taken out after the president  
delivers his message to congress.

## Fay Will Not Make Further Statement; He Fears Long Term

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—When the case  
of the five men indicted here in the  
alleged German bomb conspiracy was  
called in the federal district court to-  
day, demurrers were entered in behalf  
of two defendants, Robert Fay and Wal-  
ter Scholz. The demurrers allege that  
the indictment against these men is in-  
sufficient and does not state any of-  
fense under the laws of the United  
States, in that the munitions vessels on  
which bombs were to have been placed,  
according to the charge, would have been  
blown up on the high seas.

Counsel for Robert Klensie, Max  
Breitung and Engelbert Bronkhorst, the  
others under indictment, did not enter  
demurrers, but stood on their pleas of  
not guilty.

## Steamship Cretic is Safe at Naples

NAPLES, Nov. 16.—(Via Paris, Nov. 16.)  
—The steamship Cretic, from New York  
and Boston, has arrived here safely.  
There was intense anxiety among the  
passengers on board after they learned  
at Gibraltar of the sinking of the An-  
cona. The captain took all precautions  
against possible attack. The vessel was  
shielded from submarines by a heavy  
storm which raged while it was cross-  
ing the Mediterranean. The Cretic met  
no warships and the only steamer sighted  
was the Verona, sister ship of the An-  
cona, coming from Genoa.

## Serbians Recapture City of Kalkandelen

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The Serbians have re-  
captured Kalkandelen, taking 530 pris-  
oners and large quantities of ammuni-  
tion, according to the Athens cor-  
respondent of the Journal, telegraphing  
Sunday.

## OMAHA GRAIN EXCHANGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

John B. Swearingen was elected presi-  
dent of the Omaha Grain exchange at  
the meeting of the board of directors held  
yesterday afternoon. Barton Millard was  
chosen first vice president; J. A. Linder-  
holm, second vice president; F. H. Brown,  
treasurer, and Frank Manchester, secre-  
tary.

WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL has resigned his post  
as a member of the British Cabinet and will join the army in  
France. Photo shows him in full uniform at the head of the  
Oxford Yeomanry he is major.



## HAHN WITHDRAWS FROM SCHOOL RACE

Strongest Rival of Dr. Luckey for  
Presidency of State Teachers As-  
sociation Eliminated.

CLINE NO LONGER CANDIDATE

Dean H. H. Hahn of the Wayne  
State Normal has withdrawn his can-  
didacy for the presidency of the Ne-  
braska State Teachers' association.  
Mr. Hahn had been considered the  
strongest rival of Dr. G. W. A.  
Luckey of the University of Ne-  
braska, who heads the list of five  
candidates nominated by the referen-  
dum primary during the convention  
of the association in Omaha the first  
week of November.

Although little has been said about  
them, withdrawals have been rather  
common since the convention. It develops  
that Earl Cline of Omaha had already  
withdrawn before Hahn's announcement was  
made.

This leaves only Dr. Luckey and R. V.  
Clark of Kearney in the race. Mr. Clark  
received 143 votes in the primary at the  
convention, while Mr. Luckey received  
67.

The vote that nominated the five can-  
didates during the convention stood as  
follows:  
Dr. George W. A. Luckey, Lincoln... 227  
H. H. Hahn, Wayne... 123  
E. J. Graf, Omaha... 112  
R. V. Clark, Kearney... 112  
Earl Cline, Nebraska City... 112  
The thousands of teachers, members  
of the association, soon will cast their  
ballots and send them by mail to the  
executive committee. The committee will  
meet at the Lindell hotel in Lincoln De-  
cember 11 and count the ballots.

## Morgan Company to Take Over White Automobile Plant

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—Control of the  
White company, of this city, one of  
the largest manufacturing concerns of  
automobiles and motor trucks in the  
world, has practically passed into the  
hands of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal  
agents for the entente allies, local bank-  
ers admitted today.

It was stated by bankers that while  
the deal has not yet been closed the final  
arrangements might be concluded within  
a week. A new corporation with \$10,000,000  
capital, it was said, would absorb the  
White company.

Since the outbreak of the European war  
sales of White trucks have amounted to  
between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000; between  
\$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000, it was said.

## Cleveland Teachers Lose Their Fight

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 16.—Cleveland  
school teachers today lost their fight for  
reinstatement of six officers of their  
union, who had been discharged by  
Superintendent J. M. P. Frederick on  
order of the board of education for their  
activity in organizing the union. The  
supreme court refused to review the suit  
brought by Cleveland taxpayers in an  
attempt to have Frederick punished for  
alleged contempt of court in discharg-  
ing the teachers, allowing to stand in  
the court of appeals the decision which  
held Frederick was justified in his  
action.

## Bristol Bank Short Hundred Thousand

BRISTOL, S. D., Nov. 16.—Today's de-  
velopments indicate that the shortage in  
the accounts of the First National bank  
of Bristol will reach \$100,000. The bank  
was placed in the hands of a bank  
examiner yesterday. Cashier Torgus  
Strandness, who left here two weeks ago,  
has not been located.

## U.S. ASKS LIGHT FROM AUSTRIA ON ANCONA CASE

State Department Cables Penfield  
to Request Vienna Government  
to Give Complete De-  
tails of Sinking.

SUBMARINE IS NOT GERMAN  
Lansing's Action Intimates Boat  
Operated by Navy of Dual  
Monarchy

WILL NOW AWAIT INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The  
State department today cabled Am-  
bassador Penfield at Vienna to re-  
quest from the Austro-Hungarian  
government complete details of the  
sinking of the Italian steamer An-  
cona.

The message was sent after the  
department had received through the  
Austro-Hungarian embassy here the  
statement made by the Austrian min-  
ister of marine.

**Wants More Data.**  
Secretary Lansing said the statement did  
not contain sufficient information, and  
that Ambassador Penfield had been in-  
structed to secure all available details.  
The request would seem to indicate that  
the State department would count on  
an established that the submarine was Aus-  
trian. There have been intimations that  
it might have been a German boat.

Secretary Lansing's instructions to Am-  
bassador Penfield are to inquire and for-  
ward such details as are available. The  
ambassador also has other detailed in-  
structions which the State department  
did not make public. He will not make  
any representations, however.

The American government will await  
the receipt of the Austrian government's  
statement of facts concerning the sink-  
ing of the Italian liner Ancona before  
considering whether any rights of Amer-  
icans have been violated.

**Parleys to Follow.**  
The State department has had before  
it the Italian government's communi-  
cation addressed to neutral nations de-  
nouncing the sinking of the Ancona as an  
"unparalleled atrocity," and officials also  
have seen the published statement of the  
Austro-Hungarian admiralty describing  
the attack.

Diplomatic exchanges between the  
American and Austrian governments will  
probably follow over the entire question  
of submarine warfare and the obligations  
of a submarine commander to see that  
neutrals are safe before destroying their  
prize.

## Mrs. Pankhurst's Meeting to Attack Cabinet Prohibited

LONDON, Nov. 16.—"A patriotic meet-  
ing," organized by the Women's Social  
and Political Union, over which Mrs.  
Emmeline Pankhurst was to preside, on  
Thursday, in Royal Albert hall, and  
which was to demand loyal and vigorous  
conduct of the war, has been cancelled  
by the hall management. Premature an-  
nouncement by Mrs. Pankhurst, disclos-  
ing the real purpose of the meeting to  
which the application of the word  
"patriotic" was held to be distinctly a  
misnomer, caused the cancellation. In  
her announcement, which took the form  
of a letter, Mrs. Pankhurst said: "The  
betrayal of Serbia has come as a final,  
tragic proof that neither the honor nor  
interests of the nation are safe in the  
present hands and that in particular  
the prime minister and Sir Edward Grey  
are unfit for the great and responsible  
positions they hold. In order to give ex-  
pression to the prevailing indignation a  
great meeting is to be held."

Lord Fisher made this statement in  
reply to criticisms by Winston Spencer  
Churchill, who was first lord of the ad-  
miralty when the naval attack on the  
Dardanelles was made, in a speech in the  
House of Commons yesterday, following  
his retirement from the cabinet. Mr.  
Churchill in his speech complained that  
he had not received from the first sea  
lord, in connection with the Dardanelles  
affair, the clear guidance before the  
event or the firm support after it to  
which he considered himself entitled.

**MOONSHINERS DECLARE  
WAR ON U. S. MARSHAL**  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 16.—On  
the ground that moonshiners of his terri-  
tory have declared war on him, William  
Osborne, United States marshal for the  
southern district of West Virginia, has  
secured permission of the Department of  
Justice to add to his force of deputies.  
Men believed to have furnished informa-  
tion to the federal authorities have suf-  
fered the loss of property, their horses  
having been shot and fences burned in re-  
taliation. Two alleged moonshiners had  
been bound over to the federal grand  
jury, now in session here.

## Mother M. Angela Dies at Sturgis, S. D.

STURGIS, S. D., Nov. 16.—(Special  
Telegram.)—Mother M. Angela, O. S. B.,  
of St. Martin's Academy, Sturgis, died  
last night, aged 73 years, from dropsy.  
She had been illing ten years. Thursday  
of last week she celebrated her fiftieth  
anniversary, or golden jubilee. The  
funeral will be held here Thursday morn-  
ing at 10 o'clock.

## STEAMSHIP OHIOAN MAKES TRIP THROUGH STRAITS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The steamer  
Ohioan arrived here today from Seattle,  
being the first of the Pacific fleet to  
make the trip by way of the Straits of  
Magellan, owing to the closing of the  
Panama canal by slides. The Ohioan  
stopped at Panama, but instead of send-  
ing its passengers and cargo across the  
Isthmus as other vessels have done, it  
was decided to continue the trip. The  
steamer made the trip from Panama to  
New York in thirty-seven days without  
stopping its engines until it picked up a  
pilot off the Scotland lightship.

## Serb Scientist Will Keep Great Invention Secret Till War Ends

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Because his in-  
vention might be useful to the enemies  
of his country, Serbia, Prof. Michael J.  
Pupin of Columbia university, who is  
honorary consul general to the United  
States, told the members of the National  
Academy of Sciences at their fall meet-  
ing last night that he will not  
make public until the war is over the  
secret of the receiver for the use in wire-  
less telegraphy and telephony which  
static interference can be eliminated. The  
completion of Prof. Pupin's experiment  
was reported several weeks ago, but the  
formal announcement was made in his  
address before the academy.

## FRIENDS OF HUGHES SAY HE IS CERTAIN TO REFUSE TO RUN

Associate Justice of United States  
Supreme Court Declared to  
Adhere Still to First An-  
nounced Position.

REED'S ATTITUDE COMPLICATES

Mr. Hughes Said to Be in Mood to  
Resort to Court Action if  
Necessary.

WHOLE COUNTRY IS WATCHING

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(Special  
Telegram.)—Attorney General  
Reed, if reports in the eastern press  
are true, has made it harder for a  
man to refuse to be a candidate for  
any old job than it is for a "camel  
to pass through the eye of a needle."  
According to press announcements,  
the attorney general of Nebraska, in  
view of the filing of Justice Hughes'  
name for president, has ruled that  
there are only two ways in which a  
name may be eliminated from the  
ballot—by resort to a court of equity  
or by a request for its withdrawal  
from the secretary of state's office  
signed by those who had originally  
signed the endorsement.

"Never heard of such a thing," said  
Senator Norris. "Don't believe it's possi-  
ble for such an interpretation to be put  
upon our primary laws. If a man can-  
not decline to be a candidate for a spec-  
ified office then the law ought to be  
amended."

**Hughes Not Candidate.**  
Further, the Justice senator from Ne-  
braska said he had it from unimpeach-  
able authority "that Justice Hughes  
would not be a candidate for president  
and if nominated would be compelled to  
decline to make the race."

The Evening Star prints the following  
with reference to the Hughes situation in  
Nebraska: "Mr. Justice Hughes of the  
supreme court will demand the with-  
drawal of the petition filed by Nebraska  
republicans placing his name on the pri-  
mary ballot as a candidate for the re-  
publican nomination for the presidency of  
the United States.

"The action of the Nebraska republic-  
ans was taken without his knowledge,  
contravenes his actual position and will  
be repudiated.

**Will Make Position Clear.**  
"No attitude of acquiescence in efforts  
to place him in the position of being a  
nominee for president for the inaugura-  
tion will be tolerated, and actions which  
would even indirectly put him in such  
position will be disclaimed.

"While he remained upon the supreme  
court bench participating in decisions af-  
fecting the people at large, it would be  
unthinkable to him that he should coun-  
tenance such a course as that of the Ne-  
braskans.

"He is not going to resign from the su-  
preme court, which would be the step to  
be taken by one in his position who con-  
templated being a candidate. He has is-  
sued one formal statement on the sub-  
ject and does not deem it necessary to re-  
peat it.

"Immediately upon reading the an-  
nouncement in the newspapers, which  
came as a surprise, that a formal peti-  
tion had been filed with the secretary of  
state of Nebraska, containing the name  
of Justice Hughes, and the number of  
signatures, putting the name of Charles  
E. Hughes on the primary ballot, H. L.  
Green, Justice Hughes' secretary, tele-  
graphed to Secretary of State Pool,  
requesting him to mail a copy of  
form of the petition. When that  
reaches formal demand will be made by  
Justice Hughes that his name be re-  
moved from the ballot on the ground  
that it was placed there without his  
knowledge or consent.

**Reed Will Decide.**  
"A dispatch from Lincoln quotes Attor-  
ney General Reed as holding that under  
the law of the state, Justice Hughes can-  
not withdraw his name of his own act,  
but must resort to court proceedings to  
have it stricken from the ballot.

"Nebraska in Washington says that  
casual perusal of the state with its  
amendments would indicate that a per-  
son named as a candidate without his  
consent may withdraw. They realize,  
however, that if the attorney general  
renders any opinion to the contrary the  
secretary of state will be bound by such  
decision. In that event only a court of  
law could relieve Justice Hughes from  
the position in which he is placed and  
legal proceedings will be involved. Politi-  
cians here said today that the action of  
the Nebraska petitioners presents the  
issue pointedly to Justice Hughes whether  
he is to be in the presidential race or  
not, and that his action or attitude in the  
immediate future will be accepted by the  
country at large as definitive of his in-  
tention as to candidacy.

**Hughes Aware of Situation.**  
Republican politicians say that Justice  
Hughes is fully aware of this fact and  
knows that to allow his name to remain  
on the ballot would be susceptible of  
only one construction, and that he was  
a receptive candidate.

"They said that no amount of personal  
disclaimer of intention to waive the non-  
applicability of the statute would out-  
weigh the practical fact that his name  
had been presented in due  
form as by statute provided to the voters  
of the state of Nebraska and allowed to  
stand.

"The zealotry of the Nebraska rep-  
ublicans it was said by the politicians  
had put the issue squarely before Justice  
Hughes compelling him to notify the ac-  
tion on the one hand or acquiescence on  
the other.

His course, as defined in the foregoing,  
is expected by the politicians to be of  
the utmost importance to other republi-  
cans who are regarded as candidates for  
the nomination.

**CENSOR SUPPRESSES  
BERNARD SHAW PLAY**

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(6:50 a. m.)—The  
censor has suppressed the new Bernard  
Shaw play, "O'Flaherty, V. C.," an-  
nounced for production at the Abbey  
theater in Dublin. The play is a skit on  
recruiting.

## BULGARS SWEEP FRENCHMEN BACK NEAR GREEK LINE

Galic Troops Are Compelled to  
Retire in Vicinity of Gran,  
disc, to the South of  
Serbia.

REPULSE CHARGE OF ENEMY

Several Divisions Make Ineffectual  
Attempt to Pierce Republican  
Center.

FIGHT LASTS FOR 36 HOURS

(Via London, N. Y.)

SALONIKI, Greece, Nov. 16.—  
(Via London, N. Y.)—After heavy fight-  
ing with the reinforced Bulgarian  
troops in southern Serbia the French  
were compelled to retire at two  
points in the vicinity of Gradize,  
twelve miles north of the Greek bor-  
der.

A Bulgarian attack along the  
Cerna river was repulsed with heavy  
losses to the attackers.

The battle on the Cerna was  
waged along the left bank of the  
river. Two or three Bulgarian  
divisions were engaged and a des-  
perate attempt was made to pierce  
the French center. The engagement  
was in progress with furious in-  
tensity for thirty-six hours, after  
which the Bulgarians were beaten  
back along this entire front.

**Bulgars Advance.**  
BERLIN, Nov. 16.—(By Wireless to Say-  
ville, N. Y.)—"Delayed reports from  
Eofia," says the Overseas News agency,  
"describe the further victorious advance  
of the Bulgarians in Serbia.

"According to Bulgarian reports of No-  
vember 13 and 14, French troops on the  
night of November 13 and 14 attacked Bul-  
garian positions on the Vardar river, but  
by a Bulgarian counter attack were  
thrown back on the right bank of the  
Karassu. The Bulgarians took two ma-  
chine guns and two mountain guns.

"On November 14 French troops that  
were thrown back on the right bank of  
the Karassu, south of Yelce, were at-  
tacked by the Bulgarians, who, singing  
their famous national anthem, 'Fighting  
Maritza,' stormed and conquered strongly  
entrenched French positions."

**Forced to Fall Back.**  
Major Morant, the military critic, says  
in the Telegraph that French troops  
which crossed the Cerna river north of  
Gradize were compelled by the Bul-  
garians to fall back. They evacuated the  
left bank of the Cerna, after suffering  
heavy losses.

Major Morant points out that French  
and British troops in Serbia, although  
they had been on the ground for some  
time, have been unable to join hands  
with the Serbians who are fighting in  
the vicinity of Perlepe.

"This means that the entente forces  
have obtained no advantage," he con-  
tinues. "The French and British troops  
are arriving very slowly in the theater  
of operations in Serbia. Meanwhile the  
fighting has been going on and the  
strong Bulgarian forces which up to the  
present have been engaged with the Ser-  
bians will soon be free for action against  
the French and British.

**Will Have 300,000 Men.**  
"It may be estimated that France and  
Great Britain will be able to assemble  
150,000 troops with possibly 50,000 mor-  
tors from Egypt. If there be added 100,000  
Serbians still able to participate in the  
fighting entente troops will amount  
to 300,000 men."

Major Morant does not give the num-  
ber of German, Austrian, Bulgarian  
and Turkish troops